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SUBJECT: MILITARY FUEL PIPELINE IN OKINAWA

1. PERHAPS IN PART FOR LACK OF ANY RECENT INCIDENT INVOLVING U.S. FORCES EXPLOITABLE FOR NEWS, THE RYUKYU SHIMPO SEPT 12 STARTED AS HEADLINE CAMPAIGN AGAINST OUR MILITARY FUEL PIPELINE SYSTEM ON OKINAWA. STORY HAS ALSO APPEARED IN MAINICHI. THE PIPELINE IS DESCRIBED AS HIGHLY DANGEROUS AND IN A POOR STATE OF REPAIR, CAUSING

PAGE TWO RHAIBQA5360 C O N F I D E N T I A L

FEAR TO ALL OKINAWANS LIVING NEAR IT. THE FIRST PAGE HEADLINE STORIES ARE SUPPLEMENTED WITH APPROPRIATE PHOTOGRAPHS AND QUOTES, FOR INSTANCE, FROM PTA PARENTS FEARING FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR

CHILDREN. THE PAPER STATES ITS DEMANDS FOR REMOVAL OR , AT THE LEAST,

IMPROVEMENT, OF THE PIPELINE WILL BE RAISED IN THE DIET BY THE LEFTIST

PARTIES. THE KOMEITO PARTY REPORTEDLY HAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED A QUOTE

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PIPELINE CONUNTERMEASURES HEADQUARTERS UNQUOTE. MODERATE SOCIALIST

SPEAKER OF OKINAWA PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY RAISED ISSUE BRIEFLY DURING
COURTESY CALL SEPT 12 BY NEW CONGEN DPO.

2. COMMENT: IN FACT MANY OKINAWANS DO LIVE CLOSE BY THE PIPES FOR
OUR EXTENSIVE FUEL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ON OKINAWA. IN MANY CASES HOMES

AND REPORTEDLY IN ONE CASE A SCHOOL, HAVE BEEN BUILT ILLEGALLY
ENCROACHING ON PIPELINE RIGHTS OF WAY DESIGNATED UNDER SOFA. SINCE
THERE HAS BEEN NO RECENT NEWSWORTHY EXPLOSIONS OF LEAKAGES FROM THE
PIPELINE , THE CAMPAIGN AT PRESENT DOES NOT HAVE HEAT BEHIND IT.
PROBABLY, HOWEVER, THE PIPELINE SYSTEM WILL NOW JOIN SUCH OTHER
FACILITIES

AS THE IE SHIMA RANGE, AWASE OTH RADAR, ETC. ON THE LIST OF CURRENT
LEFTIST DEMANDS FOR INSTANT REMOVAL.

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